

South Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center

MORNING BRIEFING Thursday, September 14, 2006

FIRE WEATHER PLANNING FORECAST FOR SOUTHEAST IDAHO
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE POCATELLO IDAHO
457 AM MDT THU SEP 14 2006

...RED FLAG WARNING IN EFFECT FROM NOON TODAY TO 9 PM MDT THIS EVENING FOR STRONG GUSTY WINDS ASSOCIATED WITH A PASSING COLD FRONT FOR SOUTHEAST IDAHO ZONES 409/410/411/412 AND 413...

.DISCUSSION...A STRONG LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM WAS OBSERVED OVER WASHINGTON THIS MORNING WITH AN ASSOCIATED COLD FRONT ADVANCING THROUGH SOUTHWEST IDAHO. THE FRONT IS EXPECTED TO SHIFT THROUGH THE BURLEY AREA BY 9AM AND IDAHO FALLS/POCATELLO BY NOON WITH STRONG WINDS AND COOLER TEMPERATURES ACCOMPANYING THE FRONT. EARLY MORNING NUMERICAL MODELS WERE INDICATING THAT THE FRONT WOULD BE RATHER STRONG WITH WINDS REMAINING GUSTY THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND LITTLE IN THE WAY OF MEASURABLE PRECIPITATION ACROSS THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF THE DISTRICT. MINIMUM AFTERNOON HUMIDITIES ARE EXPECTED TO RUN AROUND 20-25% ACROSS THE SOUTHEAST HALF OF THE DISTRICT WHICH IS marginally ABOVE WARNING CRITERIA. HENCE...A RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR THE SNAKE PLAIN AND POINTS SOUTH AND EAST DUE TO STRONG GUSTY WINDS ASSOCIATED WITH A PASSING COLD FRONT AND FORECASTER DISCRETION. THE UPPER LOW WILL DROP SOUTH INTO OREGON OVERNIGHT AND THEN GRADUALLY SPREAD EAST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY WITH WIDESPREAD SHOWER ACTIVITY EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY THE LOW ALONG WITH MUCH COOLER TEMPERATURES. DRY AND MILD CONDITIONS WILL RETURN TO THE REGION SUNDAY AND MONDAY AS THE NEXT PACIFIC STORM SYSTEM ADVANCES INTO WRN CANADA MONDAY AFTERNOON.

EAST CENTRAL IDAHO MOUNTAINS

Zone 407 LAL...1 Haines Index...2 Very Low

MIDDLE SNAKE RIVER VALLEY/SOUTH CENTRAL PORTION UPPER SNAKE RIVER BLM

Zone 409 LAL...1 Haines Index...2 Very Low

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY/NE PORTION UPPER SNAKE RIVER BLM

Zone 410 LAL...1 Haines Index...2 Very Low

GOOSE CREEK AND RAFT RIVER VALLEY/SOUTHERN SAWTOOTH NF

Zone 412 LAL...1 Haines Index...2 Very Low

→ Detailed fire weather forecast available at Pocatello Weather Service:
www.wrh.noaa.gov/Pocatello

FIRE WEATHER PLANNING FORECAST FOR SW IDAHO AND SE OREGON
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BOISE ID
501 AM MDT THU SEP 14 2006

.DISCUSSION...

A COLD UPPER LEVEL LOW PRESSURE CENTER WILL SETTLE OVER THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST TODAY RESULTING IN MUCH COLDER TEMPERATURES INTO THE WEEKEND. THE ASSOCIATED SURFACE COLD FRONT EXTENDED FROM MC CALL SOUTHWEST TO NEAR ROME AT 4 AM MDT THIS MORNING MOVING SOUTHEAST THROUGH THE DISTRICT BY MID MORNING AND INTO EASTERN ID BY NOON. GUSTY WINDS AND LIGHT SHOWERS ALONG A NARROW BAND NEAR THIS FRONT WILL MOVE ACROSS SOUTHWEST IDAHO THIS MORNING. MUCH COOLER TEMPERATURES AND HIGHER HUMIDITIES WILL CONTINUE INTO FRIDAY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS POSSIBLE OVER THE NORTHERN MOUNTAINS.

WESTERN TWIN FALLS BLM

Zone 418 LAL...1 Haines Index...3 Very Low

→ Detailed fire weather forecast available at Boise Weather Service:
<http://fire.boi.noaa.gov/FIREWX/BOIFWFBOI.html>

PREPAREDNESS LEVELS:

SCIIDC	PL 2
Eastern Great Basin	PL 5
National	PL 5

Thursday, September 14, 2006	
BLM	
Duty Officer	WFSA Coordinator
Chris Simonson	Chris Simonson
Dispatch Night Phone:	Richard Wilson

FIRE SUMMARY FOR: Wednesday September 13, 2006**LOCAL FIRE ACTIVITY: .**

<i>Fire #</i>	<i>FO</i>	<i>Fire Name</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Cause</i>	<i>Status / Remarks</i>

S – Shoshone Field Office, B – Burley Field Office, J – Jarbidge Field Office, STF -- Sawtooth NF

INITIAL ATTACK RESOURCE FOR: Thursday, September 14, 2006**Outside resources colored in blue.**

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Resource Type</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>D/O</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
<u>Overhead – Burley, Shoshone, and Twin Falls</u>						
BLM	I.C. - Wiseman	Burley	T/W	Available		
BLM	I.C. – Haxby	Burley	T/W	Available		
BLM	I.C. - J. Bedke	Burley	F/S	Available		
BLM	I.C. - Aoi	Shoshone	F/S	Available		
BLM	I.C. - Brinkley	Shoshone	F/S	Available		
BLM	I.C. - Davis	Shoshone	T/W	Off/Unavailable		
BLM	I.C. – Lyons	Shoshone	S/M	Available		
BLM	I.C. – Loucks	Twin Falls	S/S	Available		
BLM	I.C. - Wilson	Twin Falls	S/M	Committed		Green Canyon
BLM	I.C. - M. Bates	Twin Falls	F/S	Available		
BLM	I.C. - George	Twin Falls	F/S	Available		
BLM	I.C. - Mabbutt	Twin Falls	S/S	Committed	9/4	ID-BOF-000183

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<u>Heavy Engines – Burley and Twin Falls</u>						
BLM	Engine 2401	Twin Falls	T/W	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2404	Malta	S/M	Available		
BLM	Engine 2406	Burley	M-F	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2407	Twin Falls	S/M	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2409	Twin Falls	F/S	Available		
BLM	Engine 2410	Burley	M-F	Unstaffed		
BLM	Engine 2412	Malta	S/M	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2413	Burley	T/W	Available		
BLM	Engine 2416	Twin Falls	F/S	Off/Unavailable		
BLM	Engine 2417	Kimama	S/M	Available		
BLM	Engine 2419	Burley	T/W	Unstaffed		
BLM	Engine 2424	Burley	S/M	Available		
BLM	Engine 2426	Twin Falls	T/W	Available		
USFS	Engine 4711	Burley		Available		
USFS	Engine 411	Twin Falls		Available		

Light Engines – Burley and Twin Falls

BLM	Engine 2683	Rogerson		Available		
BLM	Engine 2681	Twin Falls	S/M	Available		
BLM	Engine 2687	Burley		O/S		
BLM	Engine 2688	Burley		O/S		
BLM	Engine 2690	Rogerson	S/M	Available		
BLM	Engine 2695	Twin Falls		O/S		
BLM	Engine 2696	Twin Falls		Available		

Heavy Engines – Shoshone, Bellevue, and Carey

BLM	Engine 2402	Shoshone	S/M	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2403	Shoshone	T/W	Available		
BLM	Engine 2405	Shoshone	F/S	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2408	Carey	S/M	Available		
BLM	Engine 2411	Shoshone	F/S	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2414	Bellevue	T/W	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2415	Juniper	F/S	Available		
BLM	Engine 2418	Bellevue	T/W	Available		
BLM	Engine 2420	Shoshone	S/M	Available		
BLM	Engine 2421	Shoshone	S/M	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2422	Shoshone	T/W	Available		
BLM	Engine 2423	Shoshone	F/S	Available		
BLM	Engine 2427	Juniper	T/W	Available		
USFS	Engine 71	Shoshone		Available		

Light Engines – Shoshone, Bellevue, and Carey

BLM	Engine 2682	Shoshone	F/S	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2683	Shoshone	S/M	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2684	Shoshone	----	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2685	Shoshone	F/S	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2692	Shoshone	T/W	Available		
BLM	Engine 2693	Carey	S/M	O/S		
BLM	Engine 2694	Shoshone	S/M	O/S		

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<u>Overhead – Sawtooth NF</u>						
FS-STF	I.C. – Schenck	Minidoka	S/S	Available		
FS-STF	I.C. – Bishop	Minidoka RD	W/T	Off/Available		
FS-STF	I.C. – Murphy	Ketchum RD	S/S	Available		
FS-STF	I.C. – Sexton	Fairfield RD	S/S	Committed		East Roaring
FS-STF	I.C. – Vanskike	Sawtooth SO	S/S	Committed		ID-BOF-000202
FS-STF	I.C. – Hulme	Fairfield RD	S/S	Available		
FS-STF	I.C. – Chambers	Hailey Helo	T/W	Available		
FS-STF	I.C. – Anderson	Stanley	F/S	Available		
FS-STF	I.C. – Filbert	Ketchum	S/S	Available		
FS-STF	I.C. – Beitia	Twin Falls	S/S	Committed		Red Mtn.
FS-STF	I.C. – Filmore	Burley	S/S	Available		

Engines - Sawtooth National Forest

FS-STF	Engine 1411 (Heavy)	Malta	--	Available	
FS-STF	Engine 1412 (Heavy)	Rock Creek	--	Available	
FS-STF	Engine 1413 (Heavy)	Burley		Available	
FS-STF	Engine 1414 (Heavy)	Rock Creek	--	Available	
SD-BHF	Engine 684	Burley		Available	
WY-CSD	Engine 693	Burley		Available	
FS-STF	Engine 1431 (Light)	Ketchum	--	Available	
FS-STF	1431 Chase Truck	Ketchum		Available	
FS-STF	Engine 1441 (Light)	Stanley	--	Available	
FS-STF	1441 Chase Truck	Stanley	--	Available	
FS-STF	Engine 1442 (Light)	Stanley	--	Available	
FS-STF	Engine 1443 (Light)	Stanley	F/S	Available	
FS-STF	Engine 1451 (Light)	Big Smokey	--	Available	

Water Tenders – BLM & Forest Service

BLM	WT-221	Shoshone	T/W	Available	
BLM	WT-222	Burley	S/M	Off/Available	
BLM	WT-223	Twin Falls	T/W	Off/Unavailable	
BLM	WT-224	Shoshone	F/S	Available	
BLM	WT-225	Twin Falls	S/M	Available	

Prevention – Forest Service

FS-STF	Prevention 11	Burley (McLean)	W/T	A/L, back 9/17	
FS-STF	Prevention 12	Burley		Off for the Season	
FS-STF	Prevention 31	Ketchum/Stanley		O/S	
FS-STF	Prevention 32	Ketchum/Stanley		O/S	
FS-STF	Prevention 51	Fairfield (Hulme)	S/S	O/S	
FS-STF	Look Out	Mt. Harrison		Available	

Engines – Three Island Crossing State Park

IDPR-Type 4	Engine 2272	Three Island		Unavailable	
IDPR-Type 6	Engine 2291	Three Island		Available	
IDPR-Type 6	Engine 2331	Three Island		Available	

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<u>Aircraft – BLM</u>						
BLM-TFD	Air Attack-534SA	Twin Falls T.B.		Available		
BLM-TFD	SEAT 447	Twin Falls T.B.		Available		
BLM-TFD	SEAT 448	Twin Falls T.B.		Available		
BLM-TFD	SEAT 481	Gooding		Available		
BLM-TFD	Jump 97 w/ 8	Twin Falls T.B.		Available		
<u>Helicopters – BLM and Forest Service</u>						
BLM-TFD	Helicopter—97HJ	Twin Falls T.B.		Committed		Green's Canyon
USFS-STF	Helicopter-- 352SC	Hailey		Available		
<u>Crews – BLM & Forest Service</u>						
ID-STF	Sawtooth IHC	Twin Falls		Committed		ID-BOF-000202
ID-STF	Sawtooth Regulars	Twin Falls		O/S		
ID-STF	Shake Creek IA	Shake Creek		Available		
<u>Dozers – BLM</u>						
ID-BLM	Dozer	Shoshone		Available		
Nix	Dozer D-6	Filer		Available		
Absaroka	Dozer	Kimama		Available		
Robison	Dozer	Burley		Available		

Off District (BLM) Summary

<u>Resource</u>	<u>Date Assigned /Position</u>	<u>Incident Name/Number</u>
Butler, Trenna	9/1 / Comm. Coord. NR 06	IN-Large Fire Support / MT-NRC-000008
Glenn Fischer	9/3 / MEDL	Shake Table Complex/ OR-MAF-000442
Mabbutt, Larry	9/4 / AOBD	Rattlesnake Complex/ ID-BOF-000183
Bassler, Barb	9/5 / PIO	Amazon / NV-EKD-001206
Robbins, Barry (AD)	9/5 / Food Unit	Amazon / NV-EKD-001206
Fieldson, Alan (ID-CMP)	9/6 / Security Specialist	Red Mountain / ID-BOF-000152
Marquez, Rance	9/12 / Dozer Boss	Red Mountain / ID-BOF-000152
Mata, Jennifer	9/13 Communications	Middle Fork / ID-SCF-006004
Absoroka Dozer	8/29 DOZER	Rockland/ID-IFD-000037
Control Tower	9/5 Air Control Tower	Amazon / NV-EKD-001206

Off Forest (Sawtooth N.F.) Summary

<u>Resource</u>	<u>Date Assigned /Position</u>	<u>Incident Name/Number</u>
Muffley, Jill	9/4 / Resource Unit Leader	Amazon / NV-EKD-001206
Vanskike, Buz	9/8 / Operations Section Chief	East Roaring / ID-BOF-000202
Young, Alan	9/9 / Facilities Unit Leader	Green Canyon / ID-EIS-000044
Beitia, Tony	9/5 / Safety	Red MTN / ID- BOF-000152
Adamski, Joe	9/13 / Division Group Supervisor	Middle Fork / ID-SCF-006004
Sawtooth IHC	9/8 / Type I Hotshot Crew	East Roaring / ID-BOF-000202

Twin Falls Fuel Moistures

Balanced Rock - Sagebrush - 2006							
Active							
Date	06/02	06/19	06/30	07/13	07/31	08/14	08/29
Percent	187	127	108	96	80	92	76

Goose Creek - Juniper - 2006							
Active							
Date	06/05	06/13	06/30	07/13	07/24	08/14	08/30
Percent	109	116	114	139	132	127	87

Goose Creek - Sagebrush - 2006								
Active								
Date	05/31	06/13	06/30	07/01	07/13	07/31	08/14	08/28
Percent	174	209	125	154	136	133	112	106

Jim Sage - Juniper - 2006								
Active								
Date	06/04	06/13	06/30	07/13	07/14	07/24	08/15	08/30
Percent	122	139	129	153	116	126	116	98

Notch Butte - Sagebrush - 2006							
Active							
Date	05/31	06/19	06/27	07/13	07/31	08/14	08/29
Percent	191	189	182	167	157	108	115

Ohio Gulch - Sagebrush - 2006							
Active							
Date	05/31	06/19	06/27	07/13	07/31	08/14	08/25
Percent	213	219	210	184	128	109	97

Rye Grass Flat - Sagebrush - 2006							
Active							
Date	05/31	06/19	06/27	07/13	07/31	08/14	08/25
Percent	209	191	159	133	118	95	102

Shoshone Basin - Sagebrush - 2006							
Active							
Date	05/31	06/17	06/30	07/13	08/01	08/14	08/28
Percent	205	240	206	158	139	99	114

Three Creek - Sagebrush - 2006							
Active							
Date	05/31	06/17	06/30	07/13	08/01	08/14	08/28
Percent	215	161	138	141	83	71	75

Three Island - Sagebrush - 2006							
Active							
Date	05/31	06/19	06/30	07/13	07/31	08/14	08/29
Percent	182	152	141	123	103	109	83

LOCAL FIRE DANGER INDICES FOR: *Thursday, September 14, 2006*

<i>Fire Planning Zone</i>	<i>RAWS Stations</i>	<i>Spread Component (SC)</i>	<i>Energy Release Component (ERC)</i>	<i>Burning Index (BI)</i>	<i>Danger Rating Per BI *</i>
BLM North	Ohio Gulch - 102906 Fleck Summit - 102802	18	16	40	MODERATE
BLM Central	Deer Haven - 102711 Rock Lake - 103403 Potter Butte - 102907	116	13	86	EXTREME
BLM South	Bull Springs - 104006 Raft River - 104104 Goose Creek - 104105	62	12	59	HIGH
BLM South <i>(Pinyon Pine/Juniper)</i>	Goose Creek-104105	14	25	45	MODERATE
BLM Jarbidge	Horse Butte – 103205 Twin Butte - 103209	85	17	85	EXTREME
Sawtooth NF North	Stanley Station – 101809 Horton – 101812	19	71	84	EXTREME
Sawtooth NF Central	North Fork – 102903 Fleck Summit - 102802	6	60	42	MODERATE
Sawtooth NF South (grass)	Trail Gulch – 104004 Moburg Canyon - 104103	160	16	108	EXTREME
Sawtooth NF South (timber)	Trail Gulch – 104004 Moburg Canyon - 104103	38	85	123	EXTREME

*** Note:** BI's in some areas are reporting well below the actual fire danger level due to localized conditions in the vicinity of the RAWS station itself. RAWS stations represent large areas and conditions vary within those areas. Due to this year's exceptional fuel loading and fire potential, similar to last year, the actual fire danger level could be *higher* than the reported indices.

-- Average BI for SCIIDC initial attack area is: → **75 – VERY HIGH**